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ABSTRACT

Presented are 26 tables (based on 1976 information from questionnaires received from directors of special education in the 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs by the National Association of State Directors of Special Education) concerning the position of State Director of Special Education. Changes in the following characteristics of State Directors of Special Education (SDSE) since the 1973-74 report are noted: a decrease in the average years of experience in the present position from 6 years to 5 years, increase in average salary from $19,540 to $24,500, an increase in the average number of staff they supervise from 8.0 to 11.4 persons, and an increase in the percentage of directors with a doctorate degree from 21.2% to 37%. Provided is updated information on names of SDSE, persons to whom the directors report, highest degree held by SDSE, undergraduate majors of SDSE, Master's Degree major fields of study of SDSE, Doctor's Degree major fields of study of SDSE, salaries of SDSE, and the number of hours the SDSE work per week. (PT)

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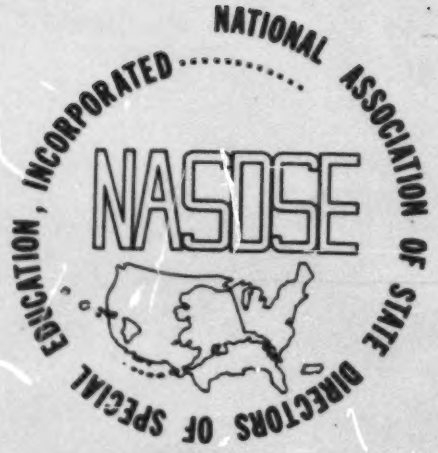

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INTRODUCTION

The information reported in table form on the following pages is the result of responses to a questionnaire sent in June 1976, to state directors of special education. Fifty state directors answered the questionnaire as well as directors for Puerto Rico, Guam and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The purpose of collecting this information was to update a similar survey conducted by NASDSE in 1973-74 and to add to our pool of information about this specific professional position and the people who occupy it.

It may be interesting to compare some of the characteristics of the "average" directors of 73-74 and '76 by noting the compiled data for the following descriptors:

Descriptor	1973-74	1976
Average years of experience in present position	6	5
Average salary	$19,540	$24,500
Average number of staff supervised	8	11.4
Percentage of directors with doctorate	21.2%	37.0%

We hope the information on the following pages will be interesting to you and to NASDSE as a professional association.

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TABLE 1

STATE DIRECTORS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION *

STATE	NAME	TITLE
AL	Cecil Bobo	Coordinator, Programs for Exceptional Children and Youth
AK	Thomas R. Brown	State Coordinator, Office for Exceptional Children
AZ	Don Johnson	Deputy Associate Superintendent for General Education
AR	Larry Rogers	Coordinator of Special Education Section
CA	Leslie Brinegar	Assistant Superintendent and Director, Office of Special Education
CO	David R. Crawford	Executive Director, Special Education Services
CT	Robert J. Margolin	Chief, Bureau of Pupil Personnel and Special Education
DE	Donald T. Wachter	Director of Instruction, State Department of Public Instruction
DC	Doris Alsop Woodson	Assistant Superintendent, Division of Special Education
FL	Landis Monroe Stetler	Chief, Bureau of Education for Exceptional Students
GA	Herbert D. Nash	Director, Special Education Program, Div. of Early Childhood and Special Education
HI	Miles S. Kawatachi	Director, Special Education
ID	Judy A. Schrag	Director of Special Education
IA	J. Frank Vance	State Director, Division of Special Education
IL	William K. Tilley	Associate Superintendent, Department of Specialized Educational Services
IN	Gilbert A. Bliton	Director, Division of Special Education
KS	James Marshall	Director of Special Education
KY	Stella Edwards	Acting Assistant Superintendent, Bureau of Education for Exceptional Children
LA	Henry Smith	Assistant Superintendent, Public Instruction and Special Education Services
ME	John Thomas Kierstead	Director of Special Education
MD	Stanley Ira Mopsik	Director, Office of Special Education Programs, Division of Special Education
MA	Robert Hilaire Audette	Associate Commissioner and Director, Division of Special Education.

TABLE 1--Continued

STATE DIRECTORS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION*

STATE	NAME	TITLE
MI	Murray Oxley Batton	Director of Special Education Services
MN	John C. Groos	Director, Special Education
MS	Walter H. Moore	Director, Special Education and Coordinator, Division of Special Education
MO	Roland J. Werner	Director, Special Education
MT	Larry Holmquist	Supervisor, Special Education, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction
NE	Gary Sherman	Administrator of Special Education, Special Education Section
NV	Larry (Smokey) Davis	Consultant Exceptional Pupil Education
NH	Robert Thomas Kennedy	Senior Consultant II, Special Education
NJ	Paul Porado	Director, Bureau Program Development & Evaluation-Special Education
NM	Elie S. Gutierrez	Director, Division of Special Education
NY	Bernice M. Kiefer	Assistant Commissioner for Education of the Handicapped
NC	Theodore Russell Drain	Director, Division forExceptional Children
ND	Roger Miller	Director, Special Education
OH	Samuel J. Bonham,Jr.	Director, Division of Special Education
OK	Maurice P. Walraven	Director of Special Education
OR	Mason Dale McQuiston	Director of Special Education
PA	Gary Makuch	Director, Bureau of Special & Compensatory Education
RI	Charles Joseph Harrington	Coordinator, Rhode Island Department of Education
SC	Robert S. Black	Director, Office of Programs for Handicapped
SD	George R. Levin	Director, Section for Exceptional Children
TN	Joel Walton	Chief of the Curriculum Section
TX	A. Don Weston	Director, Division of Special Education

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STATE DIRECTORS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION *

STATE	NAME	TITLE
UT	R. Elwood Pace	Coordinator Pupil Services
VT	Jean S. Garvin	Director, Special Educational and Pupil Personnel Services
VA	James Trahern Micklem,Sr.	Director, Division of Special Education
WA	Floyd McKinley Jackson	Director, Special Services Section
WV	Keith C. Smith	Director, Division of Special Education
WI	Philip R. Jones	Assistant State Superintendent and Administrator, Division for Handicapped Children
WY	Lamar Raymond Gordon,Jr.	Coordinator, Office of Exceptional Children

OTHER DIRECTORS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

A. Samoa	Jan Parker	
BIA	Robert Edwin Hall	Chief, Division of Continuing Education and Director of Special Education
GUAM	Victoria T. Harper	Administrator, Special Education
PR	Hilda Grana De Bonilla	Director of Special Education Program
TRUST TERRITORY	Elsa Thomas	Coordinator, Special Education

* Current State Directors (October 1976)

COMPILED DATA IN FOLLOWING TABLES REFLECTS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM DIRECTORS AS OF JUNE 1976

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AK	Thomas R. Brown	State Coordinator, Office for Exceptional Children
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AR	Roy Wood	Coordinator of Special Education Section
CA	Leslie Brinegar	Assistant Superintendent and Director, Office of Special Education
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ID	Judy A. Schrag	Director of Special Education
IA	J. Frank Vance	State Director, Division of Special Education
IL	Joseph E. Fisher	Director, Exceptional Children's Program
IN	Gilbert A. Bliton	Director, Division of Special Education Department of Public Instruction
KS	James Marshall	Director of Special Education
KY	George E. Troutt	Assistant Superintendent, Bureau Director, Bureau of Education for Exceptional Children
LA	Henry Smith	Assistant State Superintendent for Public Instruction & Special Education Services
ME	John Thomas Kierstead	Director of Special Education
MD	Stanley Ira Mopsik	Director, Office of Program Development Division of Special Education
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OTHER DIRECTORS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

Am. Samoa	No Response	
BIA	Robert Edwin Hall	Chief, Division of Continuing Education and Director of Special Education
Canal Zone	No Response	
Guam	Victoria T. Harper	Administrator, Special Education
PR	Ligia Rivera Valentin	Director of Special Education
Trust Terr.	No Response	
SIX	No Response	

TABLE 2

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF STATE DIRECTORS

Age Range	Number	Percentage
30 and below	0	0
31-40	18	34.0
41-50	20	36.0
51-60	15	28.0
61 and over	1	2.0
Total	54	100.0

TABLE 3

SEX DISTRIBUTION OF STATE DIRECTORS

Sex	Number	Percentage
Male	46	85.0
Female	8	15.0
Total	54	100.0

TABLE 4

NUMBER OF YEARS STATE DIRECTORS HAVE BEEN IN PRESENT POSITION

Range of Years	Number	Percentages
Less than 1 year	6	9.0
1-3	25	49.0
4-8	11	21.0
9-12	7	13.0
13-15	0	0
More than 15	4	8.0
Total	54	100.0

Range: Years in Present Position - 3months--18 years

Mean: Years in Present Position - 4.84 years

TABLE 5

NUMBER OF YEARS STATE DIRECTORS HAVE BEEN SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATORS

Range of Years	Number	Percentages
1-3	5	9.5
4-8	19	36.0
9-12	9	17.0
13-15	5	9.5
More than 15	16	28.0
Total	54	100.0

Range: Years as Special Education Administrator = 1 year--26 years

Mean: Years as Special Education Administrator = 10.8 years

TABLE 6

NUMBER OF DIFFERENT EDUCATION SYSTEMS STATE DIRECTORS HAVE BEEN A SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR

Range of Systems	Number	Percentages
1	21	39.5
2	17	32.0
3	11	21.0
More than 3	5	7.5
Total	54	100.0

Range: Different education systems as special education administrator = 1 system--5 systems

Mean: Different education systems as special education administrator = 2 systems

TABLE 7

LAST PREVIOUS POSITION OF STATE DIRECTOR

Position Title	Number	Percentage
State Director, Another State	1	2.0
LEA Specialist/ Administrator	7	13.0
University Teaching	6	9.0
LEA Teacher	1	2.0
SEA Consultant/Supervisor	29	55.0
Other*	8	15.0
No Response	2	4.0
Total	54	100.0

* Positions defined include: Coordinator of programs for Crippled and Other Health Impaired, BEH, USOE; Special Education Programs Section Administrator; Institution administrator; State Planning Office Director; Administrator of a private rehabilitation center; and State Director of another agency.

TABLE 8

PERSONS TO WHOM STATE DIRECTORS REPORT

Position Title	Number	Percentages
Chief State School Officer (CSSO)	8	13.0
Deputy CSSO	5	9.5
Assistant CSSO	14	26.5
Director of Instructional Services	6	11.0
Director of Pupil Personnel Services	0	0
Director of Elementary and Secondary Education	0	0
Other*	21	40
Total	54	100.0

*Includes: Deputy Associate Superintendent, State Director of Special Education, Associate CSSO, Director of Early Childhood and Special Education, Assistant Commissioner of Instruction, Director of General and Special Services, Chief of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in Department of Education, Associate Commissioner, Director, Bureau Special and Compensatory Education, Director of Program Services.

TABLE 9

NUMBER OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF PERSONS SUPERVISED BY STATE DIRECTORS IN SEA

Professional Staff	Number	Percentages
0	1	2.0
1-3	5	9.5
4-8	6	11.3
9-12	16	30.1
13-16	6	11.3
More than 16	20	35.8
Total	54	100.0

TABLE 10

NUMBER OF CLERICAL PERSONS SUPERVISED BY STATE DIRECTORS IN SEA

Clerical Staff	Number	Percentages
1-3	13	25.0
4-8	24	45.0
9-12	7	11.0
More than 12	10	19.0
Total	54	100.0

TABLE 11

HIGHEST DEGREE HELD BY STATE DIRECTORS

Degree	Number	Percentages
Bachelor's	0	0
Master's	16	30.0
Master's degree plus 45 quarter hours or more of advanced study	17	32.0
Doctorate		
Ph.D.	8	15.0
Ed.D.	12	23.0
Other--Specialist Degree	1	2.0
Total	54	102.0

TABLE 12

SPECIFIC UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS OF STATE DIRECTORS

Major	Number
Business Administration	1
Economics	1
Education	
Elementary	4
General	9
Health	1
Industrial	1
Language Arts	1
Math	1
Physical Education and Health	2
Special	3
Visual Discrimination	1
English	2
Fine Arts	1
History	5
Industrial Arts	1
Mathematics	3
Mathematics and Chemistry	1
Philosophy	1
Political Science	1
Psychology	
Clinical	1
General	4
Science/Biology	1
Social Studies	2
Sociology	2
Speech and Hearing	1
Speech Pathology	1
No Response	2
Total	54

TABLE 13

SPECIFIC UNDERGRADUATE MINORS OF STATE DIRECTORS

Minor	Number
English	1
Education	
Administration	1
Business	1
Elementary	1
General	6
Secondary	1
Special	3
History	5
History/Spanish	1
Math/Science	2
Physical Science	1
Physics	1
Psychology	4
Public Health	1
Science	2
Sociology	1
Speech/History	1
Speech Pathology	2
Political Science	1
No Response	19
Total	55

TABLE 14

MASTER'S DEGREE MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY OF STATE DIRECTORS

Major	Number
Audiology	1
Education	
Adaptive Physical Education	1
Administration	
General	7
Special Education	2
Clinical Work/Disturbed Child	1
Exceptional Child	1
General	3
Special Education	
General	17
Mentally Retarded	4
Guidance and Counseling	3
History	1
Mathematics	1
Psychology	
Child	1
Clinical	1
Educational	5
General	1
Rehabilitation	1
Social Work	1
Speech and Hearing	1
Speech Pathology	1
Total	54

TABLE 15

MASTER'S DEGREE MINOR FIELD OF STUDY OF STATE DIRECTORS

Minor	Number
Audiology	1
Economics	1
Education	
Adaptive Physical Education	1
Administration	
General	5
Special	6
Supervision	1
Elementary	1
General	4
Philosophy/Psychology	1
Special	
General	4
Mental Retardation	3
Guidance and Counseling	2
Language Arts	1
Psychology	7
Social Work	1
Sociology	2
No Response	14
Total	55

TABLE 16

DOCTOR'S DEGREE MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY OF STATE DIRECTORS

Major	Number
Education	
Administration	
Exceptional Child	1
General	1
Special Education	5
Elementary	1
Exceptional Child	1
Learning Disability	1
Special	6
Psychology	
Clinical Counseling	1
Educational	2
Experimental	1
Total	20

TABLE 17

DOCTOR'S DEGREE MINOR FIELD OF STUDY OF STATE DIRECTORS

Minor	Number
Education	
Administration (General)	6
Child Development	1
Elementary Education	1
Research, Human Growth and Development	
Secondary Education and Teacher Evaluation	1
Special Education	3
Special Education Research	1
Psychology	3
Speech Pathology/Research	1
No Response	3
Total	20

TABLE 18

SALARIES OF STATE DIRECTORS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

Salary Range	Number	Percentages
Less than $18,000	5	9.5
$18,000-$19,999	8	15.0
$20,000-$21,000	4	8.0
$22,000-$23,999	7	13.0
$24,000-$25,999	10	19.0
$26,000-$27,999	5	9.5
$28,000-$29,999	8	15.0
Above $30,000	7	11.0
Total	54	100.0

Median range: $24,000-$25,000

Range: Less than $18,000-37,573

TABLE 19

STATE DIRECTOR'S WHO EXPERIENCED PERIOD OF INTERNSHIP

Yes/No	Number	Percentage
Yes	28	51.0
No	26	49.0
Total	54	100.0

TABLE 20

LENGTH OF INTERNSHIP

Length	Number	Percentage
3 months or less	9	33.0
3 months to 6 months	7	26.0
6 months to 12 months	11	37.0
More than 12 months	1	4.0
Total	28	100.00

TABLE 21

KIND OF ORGANIZATION IN WHICH STATE DIRECTOR INTERNED

Organization	Number	Percentages
Public School (K-12)	17	63
SEA at state level	5	15
Federal	0	0
Other*	6	22
Total	28	100.0

*Organizations include: College clinics, university settings, leadership training institutes, residential and institutional settings; one respondent said his internship included all three levels--public schools, state level and federal level.

TABLE 22

TERM OF EMPLOYMENT OF STATE DIRECTORS

Term	Number	Percentages
9 but less than 10 months	0	0
10 but less than 11 months	0	0
11 but less than 12 months	1	2.0
12 months	51	94.0
No Response	2	4.0
Total	54	100.0

TABLE 23

NUMBER OF DAYS PER YEAR CONTRACT SPECIFIES FOR WORK

Number of Days	Number	Percentages
200-225	3	6.0
226-235	2	4.0
236-250	5	9.0
251-280	11	21.0
281-310	0	0
311-360	9	15.0
No Contract	16	30.0
No Response	8	15.0
Total	54	100.0

TABLE 24

NUMBER OF WORK HOURS PER WEEK

Hours	Number	Percentages
40-45	3	4.0
46-48	4	7.5
49-50	16	30.0
51-55	13	25.0
56-60	7	13.0
Above 60	4	7.5
No Reply	7	13.0
Total	54	100.0

TABLE 25

COMPARISON OF SALARY TO YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN PRESENT POSITION

Salary	Number	Experience Range	Experience Mean
Less than $18,000	5	1 year--8 years	2.8 years
$18,000 to $19,999	8	6 months--8 years	3.0 years
$20,000 to $21,999	4	1 year--5 years	3.0 years
$22,000 to $23,999	7	8 months--10 years	4.8 years
$24,000 to $25,999	10	3 months--18 years	6.9 years
$26,000 to $27,999	5	1 year--17 years	6.8 years
$28,000 to $29,999	8	1 year--17 years	4.8 years
Above $30,000	7	less than 1 year--9 years	4.7 years
Total	54		

TABLE 26

COMPARISON OF SALARY TO YEARS OF TOTAL
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCE

Salary	Number	Experience Range	Experience Mean
Less than $18,000	5	1--15 years	5.8 years
$18,000 to $19,999	8	3--17 years	8.6 years
$20,000 to $21,999	4	3--8 years	5.0 years
$22,000 to $23,999	7	1--16 years	9.7 years
$24,000 to $25,999	10	5--26 years	10.4 years
$26,000 to $27,999	5	7--23 years	15.8 years
$28,000 to $29,999	8	5--23 years	15.0 years
Above $30,000	7	4--21 years	11.7 years
Total	54		